

# Environmental Defender Analysis



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| Project Title   | Environmental Defender Analysis   |
| Project Summary | Analysis of cases and trends in countries with the highest levels of violence against environmental defenders in order to determine how to reduce violence through protecting environmental defenders, preventing further violence, and furthering accountability for violence. |
| Country         | United States   |

## Project Description

NGO Global Witness reported 200 killings of environmental and land defenders in 24 countries in 2016 -- more than three people each week, an increase from prior years, and more than twice the number of journalists killed in the same period. Global Witness documented more than 1376 killings of environmental and land defenders since 2002, with many deaths going unreported; many more environmental defenders face abduction, assault, and other threats.

In numerous international fora, this issue is emerging as a critical problem largely unaddressed by governments. The violence is damaging U.S. foreign policy interests relating to the environment, democracy and governance, commerce, energy, and law enforcement. To reduce this violence, OES needs virtual interns to assist a senior advisor for environment as she develops a proposed approach for the Department, coordinates with other U.S. agencies, and ideally positions our strategy to inform a global response.

## Required Skills or Interests

### Skill(s)

Analytical writing

Data analysis

Data visualization

Economic analysis

Graphic design

Research

Storytelling/blogging/vlogging

Writing

# Additional Information

None

# Language Requirements

| Language | Speaking Proficiency     | Reading Proficiency    | Importance   |
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| Spanish  | No practical proficiency | Elementary proficiency | Nice to Have |